

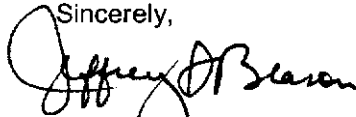
July 10, 2001

Donna M. Katon
Chief Clerk
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Ave.
Springfield, Illinois 62797

Re: El Paso Global Networks' Application for
Certification to a Service Provider
Certificate of Operating Authority and
A Certificate of Operating Authority

This letter confirms that El Paso Corporation ("El Paso") guarantees up to \$100,000 cash or cash equivalent to El Paso Global Networks ("EPGN") to enable EPGN to meet its start-up expenses, working capital requirements and capital expenditures as a facilities-based and resale local exchange provider in the State of Illinois. This guarantee expires at the end of, and is irrevocable for a period of, twelve months beyond the certification of EPGN by the Illinois Commerce Commission. EPGN is a subsidiary of El Paso Corporation.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey I. Beason
Senior VP and Controller
El Paso Corporation

CC: Judith Marshall (fax 217-782-1377)

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Witness _____

Date 7/13/01 Reporter TR